

**Yellow River SWCD
Board Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2022**

Attendance:

Andy Baber, Chairman
David Clark, Vice Chairman - Absent
Melody Irwin, Secretary - Absent
Josh Luke, Treasurer
Linda Johnson, Board Member
Brad Johnson, Guest, Earth Team Member, Recorder
Darryl Williams, USDA-NRCS District Conservationist Okaloosa County
Tara Llewellyn, YRSWCD District Administrator

Andy Baber opened the meeting at 7:03 PM.

Darryl Williams handed out Board Meeting Minutes from July 26, 2022, and the meeting Agenda.

The Board Meeting Minutes were reviewed by the Board. Josh Luke made a motion to accept the Minutes. The motion was 2nd by Linda Johnson and approved by the Board.

Old Business

Follow-up District Audit and Financial Report (Status Update)

Andy Baber reported the Florida Auditor General had accepted the 2019 and 2020 YRSWCD financial audits. The report was sent to the Florida Auditor General via e-mail by Tara Llewellyn.

Use of AFCD web site:

We need to post minutes on AFCD web site along with agenda & dates. Tara will contact AFCD to get the webmaster contact number to find out the process for sending updates for the webpage.

Financial Report - Treasurer

Andy Baber called the central Wells Fargo office to make an appointment at the Crestview bank. They said they would call him back and never did. He then went to CCB to inquire about setting up a new account. They indicated a willingness to work with YRSWCD. Currently there is about \$77k in the Crestview Wells Fargo bank.

A motion was made by Linda Johnson to open up a new account with CCB. The motion was 2nd by Josh Luke and accepted by the board.

Operating funds will be transferred to the new CCB account, while the one at Wells Fargo is being closed out. Tara Llewellyn will provide the new routing number to the county for future payments. If needed, Tara Llewellyn is to look for YRSWCD corporate documentation.

New Business

YRSWCD 5-year plan

Linda Johnson said the new YRSWCD 5-year plan was to cover 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2028. Linda Johnson handed out the last 5-year plan for members present to review. The first section of the plan strives to anticipate changes in the demographic, physical, and cultural needs and challenges of the people, land, and water of Okaloosa County, while ensuring the need for sustainability and wise use of natural resources and the natural ecosystems within the County. The second section discusses Soil and Water Related Resource Concerns for Okaloosa County. Board members were requested to review the second section and provide suggestions for updating its contents and future projects at the next board meeting. Brad Johnson is working on updating the first section.

Financial Report

Tara Llewellyn reported that the financial report was up to date, since it had just been completed and accepted by the Florida Auditor General.

Conservationist’s Corner: Darryl Williams, District Conservationist

Darryl Williams said the 2023 Local Work Group meeting was planned for October 20, 2022 and would be held in the Conference Room at 3070 Adora Teal Way. The meeting will need to be conducted any time before November 30, 2022. AFCD will also host the ZOOM Meeting link for Districts.

EQIP Funding for FY 2023 for potential fund pools for Okaloosa County is set at \$100k. Highest to Lowest priority will be based on the funding pools set for FY 2023 working group meeting. Resource Concerns such as (erosion control, forestry, invasive plan eradication, etc.) will be ranked according.

Darryl Williams reviewed the current field office Contract Management workload which is as follow:

115 Contracts

- **Funds Obligated (\$3.364 millions)
- **Funds Payments Made (\$792,079.40)
- **Contract Acres Enrolled (15,081.5)

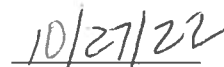
Adjourn

With discussions at an end, Linda Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was 2nd by Josh Luke. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57PM.

Next Board Meeting: 11 October, 2022 at 7PM.



Andy Baber, Chairman



Date